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TO: Emergency management officials, news media, and other users.

Effective Tuesday, May 14, 2013 the National Weather Service will establish flood only forecast services for the Ochlockonee River near Concord, Florida (CONF1) at Leon County Road 12.

A flood only forecast point is a river forecast point where forecasts and warnings are issued only when the river level is expected to rise near or above the established flood stage.

The current established flood stages listed below and associated impact statements are not be affected by the establishment of these new flood only forecast services. These flood stages are based on past assessment of flooding in Northwest Leon County by the National Weather Service in Tallahassee and coordination with the Leon County Emergency Management Agency.

Action Stage 34 feet Minor Flood Stage 36 feet Moderate Flood Stage 38 feet Major Flood Stage 44 feet

These upgraded hydrologic services are a direct result of continued cooperation and coordination between the Leon County Emergency Management Agency and The National Weather Service in Tallahassee.

The data for this river gage near Concord at County Road 12 are provided by our partner, the United States Geologic Survey. Without this critical data, forecasts and warnings would not be able to be provided at this location. You can learn more about this and other Florida stream gages by visiting:

http:/fl.water.usgs.gov

To get the latest information on this and other river forecast points, please visit our website at:

http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=tae

River forecasts and quidance for this point and others in Florida are provided by the Southeast River Forecast Center. You can visit their website at

http://www.srh.noaa.gov/serfc

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